



**The Advisory Council on Quality Supports  
for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families  
Meeting Summary June 8, 2017  
9:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Location: Bank of the West, Central/San Mateo  
Albuquerque, NM**

**Mission:** *The Advisory Council advises the New Mexico Department of Health on the systems guiding the provision of services and supports that assist people with developmental disabilities of all ages and their families to be fully included in New Mexico communities.*

**Vision:** *People with developmental disabilities of all ages and their families receive the support and services needed to live inclusively and as independently as possible within their communities.*

ACQ Members: Bill Myers, Doris Husted, Gabriela Ramos, June Montoya, Kathleen Cates, Lily Martinez, Mark Taylor, Virginia Lynch, Patrick Anaya, Stevie Bass

State Staff: Cassandra DeCamp, Vangie Yanez, Chris Futey, Iris Clevenger, Kresta Opperman, Marc Kolman, Melanie Buenviaje, Regina Lewis, Scott Good, Jim Copeland, Jen Rodriguez, Ron Voorhees, Betsy Finley, Roberta Duran, Yolanda Herrera

Guests: Angelique Tafoya, April Spaulding

Welcome, Introductions and ACQ Housekeeping:

Introductions

Approve April Summary – Correction to be made to April Summary: Correct the spelling of Doris Husted’s and Bill Myers’s names; add the Med Fragile services on page 2;

Membership – Discussion was held on replacing Jim Copeland as ICC representative. This will be followed up on – Marc Kolman can ask at the next ICC meeting if anyone is interested in taking Jim’s seat.

Partner Forms –

Virginia Lynch – clarified that the question is about the non-ambulatory stipend in the DDW – this will be forwarded to Christina Hill

Kathleen Cates - Mi Via Payments – Regina will take this back to MVAC and ask if the MVAC has finished making recommendations on this issue. Melanie B. has advised that a task force has been formed at MVAC. They’ve had two meetings discussing these recommendations. Kresta is working with the Systems Bureau on payment solutions. The ACQ wants to keep this alive!

Wise Plan – Kathleen Cates explained that the Summary will contain votes and things that are requested to be noted in the minutes. The agenda will reflect the Wise Plan.

Community Benefit Presentation -

Cassandra DeCamp introduced Vangie Yanez as the new Intake & Eligibility Staff Manger. Effective May 1, Vangie will be supervising the regional Intake and Eligibility workers. She will be addressing the backlog of the eligibility list. The estimated timeframe to get through the backlog is 18 months. Currently the Metro and SE regions have the most backlog. There was no information on new allocations for this year.

Tallie Tolen, Jeannette Gurule, and Justine Vigil representing HSD Centennial Care gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Community Benefits. They answered questions and provided some discussion. The PowerPoint will be distributed to all on the ACQ mailing list.

Jim Copeland –

Jim Copeland visited with the ACQ regarding his new position as DDS's Division Director. He spoke briefly on continuing to work with the ACQ and his vision to work closely with the providers to improve the lives of the people we serve.

SIS Transition –

Christina Hill gave an update on the decision the Department made to discontinue the SIS Assessment effective July 1, 2017. There are 2 issues that need to be dealt with: 1) the 3 group assignments determined by the SIS assessment, and 2) since the 2011 DDW Renewal, DDS has been proposing budget levels. So far, DDS has tried to approach the change by gathering as much feedback as possible. Most feedback is related to how changes would be implemented. The next steps will be to develop criteria that identifies where the rate levels are determined; train the OR team and reissue the clinical criteria. Hoping to rollout by July 1, early May training will be available. There will be three service types: supported living, customized community supports, and customized integrated employment.

The next step: It sounds like training needs to start earlier. How can we do better? The P & Q subcommittee can maybe plan a head for things like this. At the next meeting, will create a calendar for what's coming down the pike.

Deb Vering spoke on the remaining SIS allocation funding. Of the \$360,000 allocation, \$151,584 has been spent YTD, leaving a balance of \$42,000. This money comes from the General Fund and will go back to the State General Fund. Going in FY18, the money will be reallocated to the OR to continue with what they are doing.

System Capacity and Service Models discussion –

Marc Kolman and Roberta Duran asked for ideas on what the ACQ is looking for in a presentation on System Capacity and Service Models. It was suggested that we look at the service models that are currently available in all the waivers. There was some discussion on expanding Residential Services Models. The current models are:

DDW: Family Living, Supported Living, Custom In Home Supports

Mi Via: Homemaker Direct, Home Health Aid, and In Home Living. Homemaker Direct and Home Health Aid are available for those who are 21 and older and In Home Living Supports are available for those who are 18 and older.

Centennial Care: home, residential nursing – under medical in budget

Med Frag Waiver: Case Management by Registered Nurses; Private Duty Nursing (RN, LPN); Home Health Aide; Physical, Speech, and Occupational Therapy; Behavioral Supports for the family; Nutritional Counseling in the home; Respite (RN, LPN, or HHA) in the home or in a facility; Specialized Medical Equipment

Also, look at: services that support people in their home – DDW, Mi Via, Centennial Care, Med Frag waivers; In Home Living Supports definition; # of people receiving these services; and cost per program, per participants.

Subcommittee Updates -

MVAC – Lecie McNeas will be attending the July 27 MVAC meeting. Her goal is to ask how we can bridge the gap between MVAC and ACQ. Stevie Bass asked if Mi Via stakeholders could review the new

website prior to it being put live online, in order to test it for ease of navigation. Marc will send an email to Regina Lewis when the Mi Via section of the new website is done and she can let some of the Mi Via folks know. Regina Lewis sent Mi Via volunteers the content of the website to review but the stakeholders were not given the opportunity to test navigation.

Mi Via Waiver received notice from CMS that the Mi Via waiver amendment was also approved.

Med Frag Waiver – Iris announced that the Med Frag waiver was approved, and will be backdated to July 1, 2016.

Motion by Doris Hustad to close at 4:00 pm, seconded by Mark Taylor, all approved.